

Gorham, NH



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Municipal Office Hours

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8 am - 5 pm; Assessing: Monday through Thursday,
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County
 Labor Market Area
 Tourism Region
 Planning Commission
 Regional Development

Coos
Berlin NH Micro-NECTA
White Mountains
North Country Council
Coos Economic Development Corp.

Election Districts

US Congress
 Executive Council
 State Senate
 State Representative

District 2
District 1
District 1
Coos County District 3

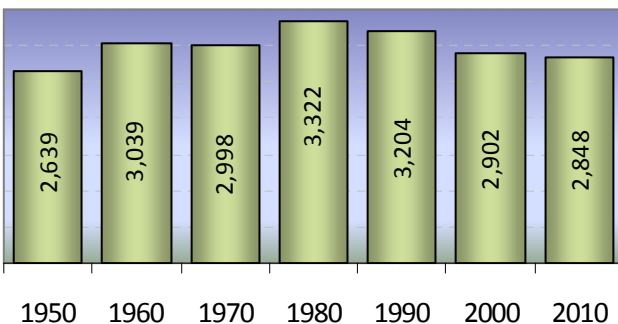
Incorporated: 1836

Origin: This territory was first granted in 1770 as part of Shelburne called Shelburne Addition. Shelburne settlers petitioned the Legislature in 1786 for an "addition" of land because they felt a large portion of their grant was useless due to the mountains and rocks. It was incorporated as a separate town in 1836 and renamed Gorham at the suggestion of Sylvester Davis, a resident from Gorham, Maine, and a relative of the Gorham family who founded that town in 1764. The Gorham family has long been part of New England history, first settling in Barnstable, Massachusetts, in 1643.

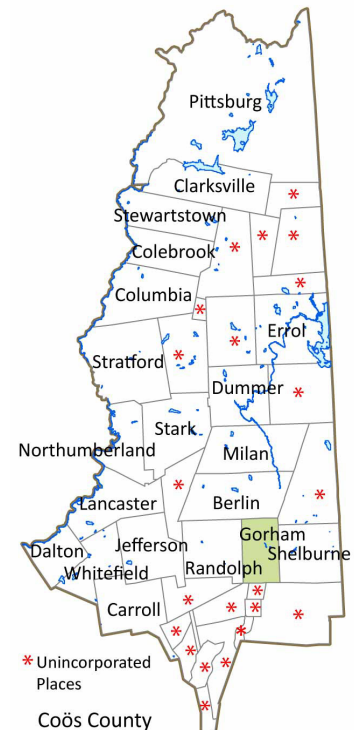
Villages and Place Names: Mount Washington, Upper Village, Cascade, Lead Mines

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 111 residents in 1830

Population Trends: Population change for Gorham decreased by 191 residents, from 3,039 in 1960 to 2,848 in 2010. Gorham was one of nine communities that lost population over 50 years. The 2010 Census estimate for Gorham was 2,848 residents, which ranked 111th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.



Population Density and Land Area, 2010 (US Census Bureau): 89.5 persons per square mile of land area. Gorham contains 31.8 square miles of land area and 0.5 square miles of inland water area.



MUNICIPAL SERVICES

Type of Government	Selectmen
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2011	\$5,430,308
Budget: School Appropriations,	Not Available
Zoning Ordinance	1988/12
Master Plan	2007
Capital Improvement Plan	Yes
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	Planning Board

Boards and Commissions

Elected:	Selectmen; Planning; Water & Sewer; Library; Budget
Appointed:	Zoning; Conservation

Public Library **Gorham Public****EMERGENCY SERVICES**

Police Department	Full-time
Fire Department	Full-time Chief & volunteer
Emergency Medical Service	Full-time Director & volunteer

Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds
Androscoggin Valley, Berlin	9 miles	25

UTILITIES

Electric Supplier	PSNH
Natural Gas Supplier	None
Water Supplier	Gorham Water Department
Sanitation	Gorham Sewer Department
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	Yes
Solid Waste Disposal	
Curbside Trash Pickup	Municipal
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	No
Recycling Program	Mandatory
Telephone Company	Fairpoint
Cellular Telephone Access	Yes
Cable Television Access	Yes
Public Access Television Station	No
High Speed Internet Service: Business	Yes
Residential	Yes

PROPERTY TAXES (NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)

2011 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$26.80
2011 Equalization Ratio	108.9
2011 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$32.31

2011 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type

Residential Land and Buildings	49.6%
Commercial Land and Buildings	30.3%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	20.1%

HOUSING (ACS 2006-2010)

Total Housing Units	1,554
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	880
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	343
Five or More Units in Structure	114
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	217

DEMOGRAPHICS

(US Census Bureau)

Total Population	Community	County
2010	2,848	33,055
2000	2,902	33,156
1990	3,204	34,879
1980	3,322	35,014
1970	2,998	34,189

Demographics, American Community Survey (ACS) 2006-2010

Population by Gender

Male	1,361	Female	1,527
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Population by Age Group

Under age 5	60
Age 5 to 19	580
Age 20 to 34	518
Age 35 to 54	955
Age 55 to 64	370
Age 65 and over	405
Median Age	42.3 years

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over

High school graduate or higher	88.9%
Bachelor's degree or higher	24.0%

INCOME, 2010 INFLATION ADJUSTED \$ (ACS 2006-2010)

Per capita income	\$28,286
Median 4-person family income	\$62,448
Median household income	\$42,480

Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers

Male	\$41,913
Female	\$33,209

Families below the poverty level	6.8%
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LABOR FORCE (NHES – ELMI)

Annual Average	2001	2011
Civilian labor force	1,644	1,481
Employed	1,550	1,352
Unemployed	94	129
Unemployment rate	5.7%	8.7%

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES (NHES – ELMI)

Annual Average Covered Employment	2001	2011
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	97	133
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 609	\$ 839
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	1,624	1,427
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 379	\$ 489
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	1,721	1,560
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 392	\$ 519
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	263	252
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 515	\$ 720
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	1,984	1,811
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 408	\$ 547

n = indicates that data does not meet disclosure standards

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE*(NH Dept. of Education)*

Schools students attend: **Grades K-12 are part of Gorham-Randolph-Shelburne Cooperative** District: **SAU 20**
 Career Technology Center(s): **Berlin High School** Region: **2**

Educational Facilities	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	1	1	1	
Grade Levels	K 1-5	6-8	9-12	
Total Enrollment	190	99	156	

2012 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (*DHHS – Bureau of Child Care Licensing*): Total Facilities: **3** Total Capacity: **231**

Nearest Community/Technical College: **White Mountains**

Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Granite State College-Berlin**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Wal-Mart	Retail store	220	1998
Gorham Paper & Tissue, LLC	Manufacturing	213	2011
Berlin City Dealerships	Car sales, service	198	
Royalty Health Club/Inn/Restaurant	Health club, motel, restaurant	60	
Town of Gorham	Municipal services	59	1836
Mr. Pizza	Restaurant	54	
Family Resource Center	Human services	44	1999
AutoNorth Preowned Superstore, Inc.	Car sales, service	44	2010
Kelley Trucking	Trucking & logging	40	
Yokohama Restaurant	Restaurant	35	

TRANSPORTATION (*distances estimated from city/town hall*)

Road Access	US Routes	2
	State Routes	16
Nearest Interstate, Exit	I-93, Exit 35	
Distance	35 miles	

Railroad	St. Lawrence & Atlantic
Public Transportation	NCT

Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation	
Gorham Airport	Runway 2,800 ft. turf
Lighted? No	Navigation Aids? No

Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service	
Portland (ME) International Jetport	Distance 92 miles
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport	8

Driving distance to select cities:	
Manchester, NH	130 miles
Portland, Maine	91 miles
Boston, Mass.	165 miles
New York City, NY	376 miles
Montreal, Quebec	203 miles

COMMUTING TO WORK (*ACS 2006-2010*)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	81.5%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	11.4%
Public transportation	0.7%
Walked	3.1%
Other means	1.2%
Worked at home	2.1%
Mean Travel Time to Work	22.1 minutes

Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2006-2010

Working in community of residence	40.3%
Commuting to another NH community	54.2%
Commuting out-of-state	5.5%

RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS

X	Municipal Parks
	YMCA/YWCA
	Boys Club/Girls Club
X	Golf Courses
X	Swimming: Indoor Facility
X	Swimming: Outdoor Facility
	Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
X	Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
	Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
	Bowling Facilities
X	Museums
	Cinemas
X	Performing Arts Facilities
X	Tourist Attractions
X	Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
X	Youth Sports: Baseball
X	Youth Sports: Soccer
	Youth Sports: Football
X	Youth Sports: Basketball
	Youth Sports: Hockey
X	Campgrounds
X	Fishing/Hunting
X	Boating/Marinas
X	Snowmobile Trails
X	Bicycle Trails
X	Cross Country Skiing
X	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
	Overnight or Day Camps

Nearest Ski Area(s): **Wildcat**

Other: **Moose Tours; Mount Washington Auto Road; Moose Brook State Park; Summer Concert Series; 4th of July Celebration; Hiking & Fitness Trails; Wildman Biathlon; Great Glen Trails Outdoor Center; White Mtn National Forest**